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YOU'VE NEVER HEARD OF IT? THE RECEPTION IN YOUR AREA MUST BE POOR, BUT WE'LL HAVE THAT CORRECTED IF YOU WILL....

PLEASE STAND BY

OKAY, **MR. WINKIE**, THIS TIME WE'RE GOING TO DO IT RIGHT. I WANT YOU TO SHOOT THE BALL OFF MY HEAD WITHOUT GETTING A DROP OF WATER ON ME!

GEE, **BOJO**, WE DO THIS EVERY DAY AND IT NEVER WORKS, BUT I'LL GET IT NOW. **READY?**

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IN THE CONTROL BOOTH, THE DIRECTOR PREPARES FOR A CLOSE-UP SHOT...

I DON'T KNOW WHY, BUT WE DO THE SAME GAG FOR EACH SHOW AND THE KIDS GO INTO HYSTERICS EVERY TIME. WHEN ARE THEY GOING TO GET TIRED OF IT?

BOJO THE CLOWN HAD LONG AGO TIRED OF THE GAG, BUT SINCE THE KIDS WANTED IT, HE WOULD BOW TO THEIR WISHES.

OH, NO! MR. WINKIE, YOU MISSED AGAIN.

SPLAT!

WE HAVEN'T GOT TIME FOR MR. WINKIE TO TRY IT ONCE MORE TODAY, SO WE'LL HAVE A GO AT IT TOMORROW. GOOD-BYE, KIDS, AND BE NICE TO EACH OTHER!

GOOD-BYE, BOJO AND MR. WINKIE!

NICE SHOW, TOM. I'D LIKE TO SEE YOU AND WINKIE IN MY OFFICE AS SOON AS YOU'RE OUT OF YOUR MAKE-UP!

NO PROBLEM, CAL, WE'LL BE THERE IN TWENTY MINUTES!

DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHY CAL KELLER, THE PRODUCER, WANTS TO SEE US?

I'M AFRAID I DO, WINKIE, THAT MAN STANDING NEXT TO KELLER WAS HARRY STARK. I'M NOT SURE EXACTLY WHAT THEY HAVE IN MIND, BUT YOU'D BETTER LET ME DO THE TALKIN'.

IN CAL KELLER'S OFFICE, BOJO WAS NOW TOM HAGAN, BUT EVEN WITHOUT HIS MAKE-UP, WINKIE WAS STILL WINKIE.
TOM, WINKIE, I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE YOU TO HARRY STARK WHO IS CONSIDERING JOINING US WITH A PANEL TALK SHOW.
I'VE HEARD OF MR. STARK. TELL ME, CAL, WHAT TIME SLOT ARE YOU PLANNING TO USE FOR STARK'S SHOW?
WE WANT TO MAKE YOUR SHOW INTO AN HOUR INSTEAD OF HALF AN HOUR AND FEATURE YOU ON SUNDAY MORNINGS. STARK WILL TAKE OVER YOUR SLOT!
YOU MEAN YOU WANT TO CUT ME FROM TWO AND A HALF HOURS A WEEK TO AN HOUR A WEEK. NO DEAL!
COME ON, BOJO! YOUR INSIPID KIDDIE SHOW IS KEEPING AN EXCITING, TOPICAL SHOW FROM BEING AIRED. THE PUBLIC HAS A RIGHT TO BETTER VIEWING!
I DON'T HURT ANYONE. I'VE SEEN YOU AT WORK. YOU DESTROY PEOPLE ON YOUR TALK SHOW BY MAKING INSINUATIONS BASED ON UNPROVEN INFORMATION!
ANYWAY, I HAVE A TWO YEAR CONTRACT WHICH I EXPECT THE STUDIO TO HONOR!
HE'S RIGHT, STARK. AND SINCE HIS RATINGS ARE HIGHER, THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO WITHOUT HIS COOPERATION.
YOU REALLY TOLD HIM, TOM. YOU STOOD UP FOR YOUR RIGHTS!
GLOAT ALL YOU CAN, CLOWN. I WANTED TO GIVE YOU THE OPPORTUNITY TO EASE DOWN GRACEFULLY, BUT NOW I HAVE NO CHOICE EXCEPT TO USE STRONGER METHODS.

AT HAGEN'S HOME...
THE KIDS LOVE THEIR UNCLE WINKIE AND WINKIE LOVES YOU LIKE A BROTHER.
WE'RE ALL THE FAMILY THAT WINKIE HAS, SO I GUESS HE'S ADOPTED US. WHEN I WAS OFFERED THE SHOW, I INSISTED THEY TAKE WINKIE TOO!
WE'VE BEEN PARTNERS EVER SINCE OUR EARLY DAYS AT THE CIRCUS. WE'LL PROBABLY STAY PARTNERS FOR-EVER. GEE, THIS ROAST IS TOUGH!
JOKER, YOU'RE CUTTING IT WITH THE SMOOTH EDGE OF THE KNIFE! STOP TESTING OUT NEW COMEDY ROUTINES ON ME.
THE NEXT DAY, BOJO'S SHOW WENT ON AS USUAL...
I'M GETTING WATERLOGGED FROM YOU MISSING ALL THE TIME, SO TRY IT JUST ONE LAST TIME!
WHATEVER YOU SAY, BOJO. HERE GOES!
NO! YOU_ARGH.
GLUG!
THERE WOULD BE NO FARE-WELL MESSAGE FROM BOJO TO ALL OF HIS TINY FRIENDS THIS EVENING, OR EVER AGAIN...
BOJO, WHAT'S HAPPENED? YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED .. ARE YOU SICK?
SIGNAL THE DIRECTOR TO CUT THE CAMERAS! SOMETHING IS WRONG!

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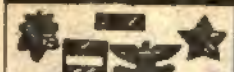

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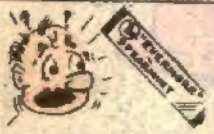

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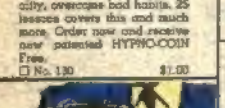

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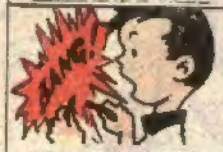

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☐ X-tra Loud Ammo $ .25

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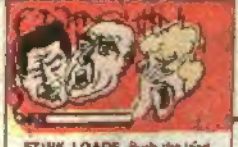

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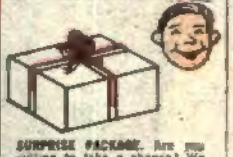

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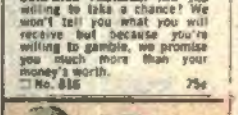

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NOBODY EVER TRULY DIED ON TELEVISION BUT...
THERE'S SOMETHING IN THE SELTZER... CYANIDE OR ARSENIC. THAT'S THE ONLY WAY IT COULD HAVE HAPPENED!
THE SELTZER? IT WAS IN THE SELTZER?
YOU! YOU'RE THE ONE WHO DID IT, YOU WANTED BOJO'S SHOW AND IT WAS THE ONLY WAY YOU COULD GET IT. SOMEONE ARREST THAT MAN FOR MURDER!
ME! I WOULDN'T DO THAT TO BOJO. BOJO WAS MY FRIEND!
IT'S FROM THE BOTTLE BECAUSE THAT'S NOT SELTZER, AT LEAST NOT PURE SELTZER. CALL THE POLICE!
IT WORKED. IN ONE MASTER STROKE. I'VE GOTTEN RID OF BOJO AND WINKIE AND LEFT MYSELF IN THE CLEAR!
I ALWAYS BELIEVED YOU AND BOJO WERE SUCH GOOD FRIENDS. SO MANY TIMES WE WANTED TO GET RID OF YOU, BUT BOJO WOULDN'T LET US AND NOW YOU REPAY HIM LIKE THIS?
I'M INNOCENT. SOMEONE ELSE DID BOJO IN, BUT NOT ME.
NOT ME!
IN PRISON, POOR LITTLE WINKIE NEVER SPOKE A WORD TO ANYONE, INCLUDING HIS LAWYER. HE REFUSED ALL FOOD AND IN A FEW DAYS, HE WAS DEAD. BOJO'S WIFE, MARY, WHO BELIEVED IN WINKIE'S INNOCENCE, SAID THAT WINKIE DID NOT DIE FROM STARVATION, BUT FROM A BROKEN HEART AT HAVING BEEN ACCUSED OF KILLING HIS BEST FRIEND.
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BOJO AND WINKIE WERE PARTNERS AGAIN IN ANOTHER WORLD AND STARK HAD HIS T.V. SHOW IN THIS WORLD.

GOOD EVENING, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, AND WELCOME TO THE PREMIERE OF "THE HARRY STARK SHOW!" EACH DAY WE'LL BE INTERVIEWING PEOPLE IN THE NEWS AND I'LL BE DIGGING AWAY AT THE TRUTH!

IN THE DIRECTOR'S CONTROL BOOTH...

PAN IN CAMERA TWO AND CAMERA ONE STAND BY. PREPARE TO... GOOD GOD! WHAT'S THAT?

I'M SEEING THINGS. IT MUST BE SOME KIND OF OPTICAL ILLUSION.

I'VE HEARD OF GHOSTS ON TELEVISION BEFORE, BUT IF THAT'S BOJO AND WINKIE, THEN THOSE ARE REAL GHOSTS!

IT'S A GAG...OR SOME KIND OF TRICK. KILL THE CAMERAS AND GO TO STAND BY.

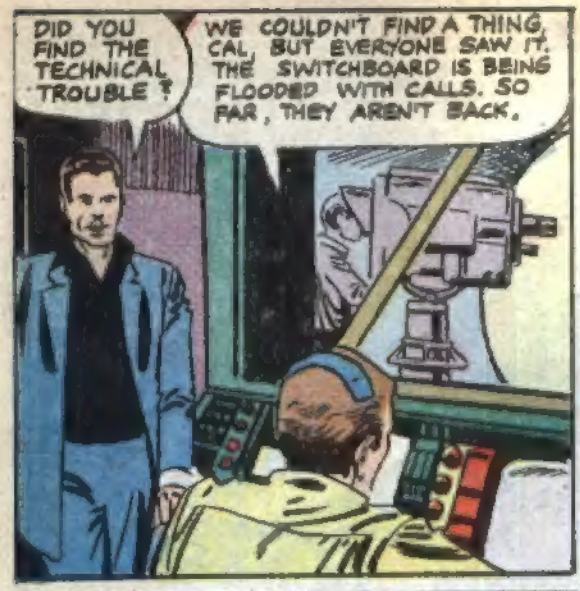
IN THE STUDIO, STARK IS DUMBFOUNDED.

WHY DID YOU CUT OFF THE CAMERAS RIGHT IN THE BEGINNING OF MY SHOW? I HADN'T EVEN FINISHED THE OPENING MONOLOGUE.

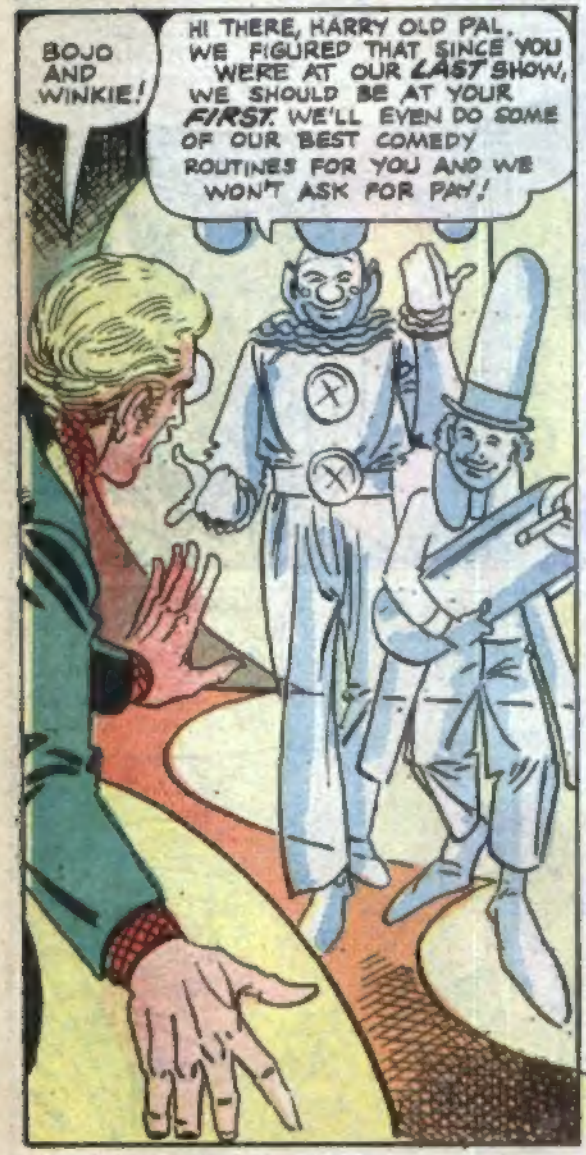
SOME JOKER IN THE STUDIO RAN A TAPE OF BOJO OVER YOUR LIVE SHOW. THEY'RE TRACKING IT DOWN!

THERE'S THE SIGNAL. DON'T BOTHER TO TRY TO EXPLAIN ANYTHING. JUST PICK UP WHERE YOU LEFT OFF.

ALRIGHT, CAL, BUT I WANT THAT PRACTICAL JOKER PUNISHED. THIS SHOW IS VERY IMPORTANT TO ME!

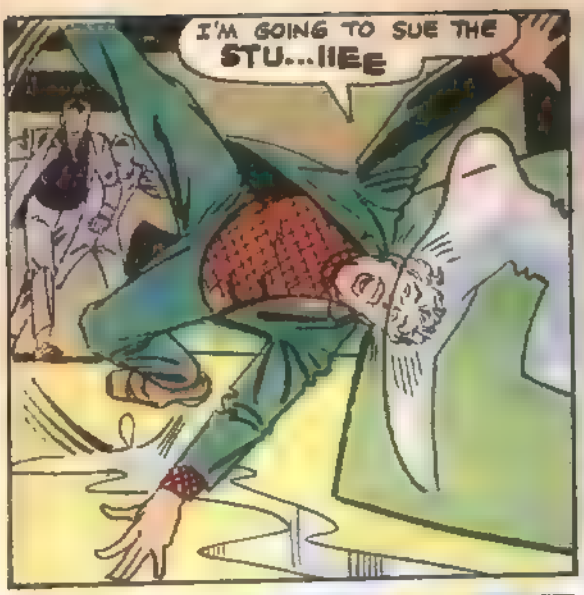

DID YOU FIND THE TECHNICAL TROUBLE?
WE COULDN'T FIND A THING, CAL, BUT EVERYONE SAW IT. THE SWITCHBOARD IS BEING FLOODED WITH CALLS. SO FAR, THEY AREN'T BACK.

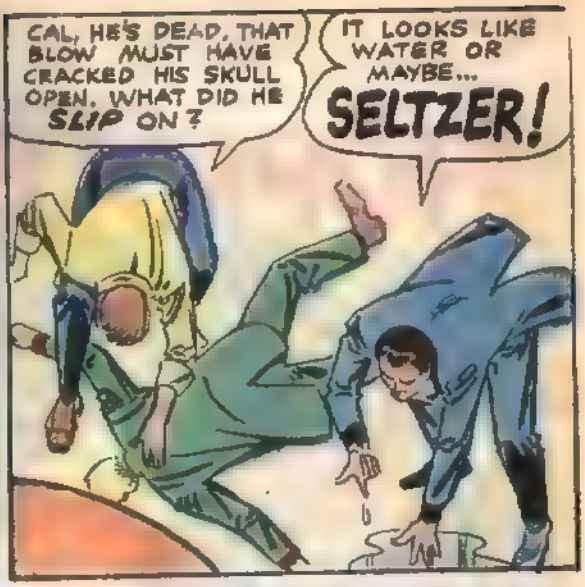
AND NOW, ALL YOU KIND PEOPLE OUT THERE, IT IS MY GREAT AND HONORED PRIVILEGE TO BRING YOU MY FIRST GUESTS...


BOJO AND WINKIE!
HI THERE, HARRY OLD PAL. WE FIGURED THAT SINCE YOU WERE AT OUR *LAST* SHOW, WE SHOULD BE AT YOUR *FIRST*. WE'LL EVEN DO SOME OF OUR BEST COMEDY ROUTINES FOR YOU AND WE WON'T ASK FOR PAY!

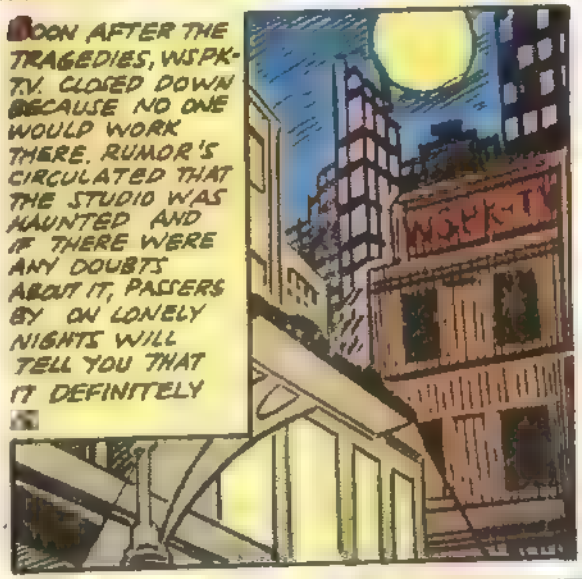
WHO IS STARK TALKING TO? THERE'S NO ONE THERE!
DID YOU HEAR THE NAMES HE CALLED OUT? HE'S SPEAKING TO BOJO AND WINKIE... THEIR *GHOSTS!* WE'VE GOT TO GET OVER THERE. GO TO STAND BY!

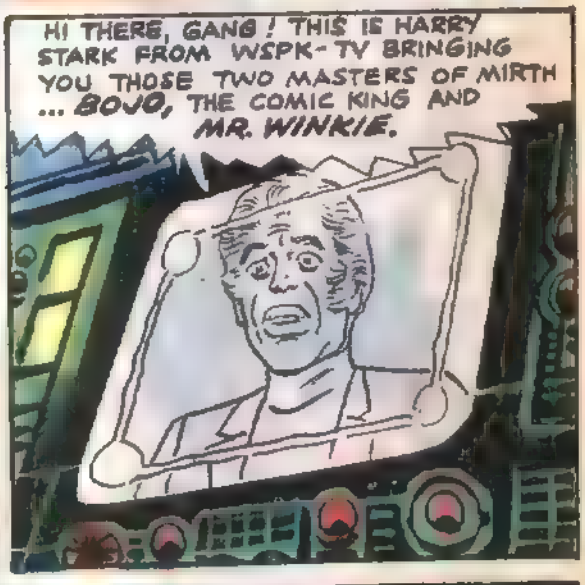
I DON'T KNOW WHO YOU TWO ARE BENEATH THAT MAKE-UP, BUT I'M GOING TO HAVE BOTH OF YOU ARRESTED FOR MESSING UP MY SHOW!
WATCH WHERE YOU'RE STEPPING HARRY. WINKIE IS A LOUSY SHOT WITH THAT SELTZER!



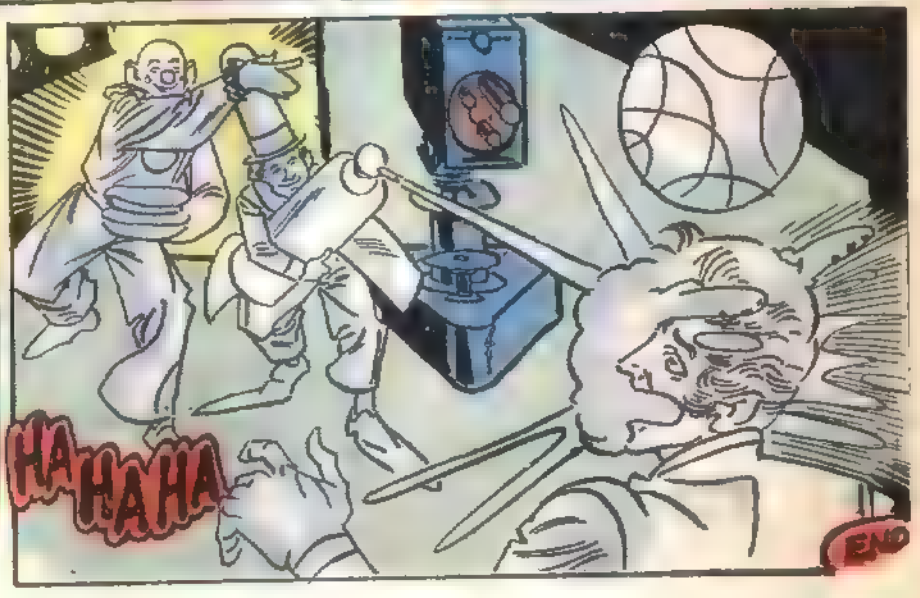


SOON AFTER THE TRAGEDIES, WSPK-TV CLOSED DOWN BECAUSE NO ONE WOULD WORK THERE. RUMOR'S CIRCULATED THAT THE STUDIO WAS HAUNTED AND IF THERE WERE ANY DOUBTS ABOUT IT, PASSERS BY ON LONELY NIGHTS WILL TELL YOU THAT IT DEFINITELY





HARRY STARK WAS GOING TO BE THE STRAIGHT MAN FOR EVERY CONCEIVABLE PRACTICAL JOKE THAT BOJO AND WINKIE COULD DEVISE FOR ALL ETERNITY.

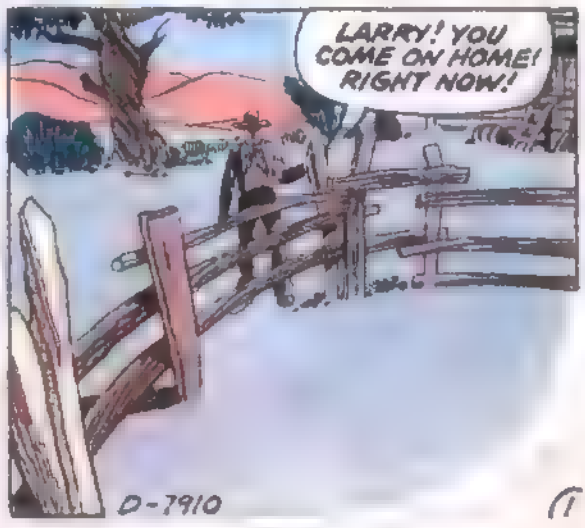


WHEN A PERSON IS LONELY, HE'LL WELCOME ANY KIND OF FRIENDS HE CAN GET... EVEN IF OTHER PEOPLE MIGHT NOT APPROVE OF THOSE FRIENDS. SOMETIMES ONE CAN EVEN COME TO PREFER THOSE FRIENDS, HOWEVER UNDESIRABLE THEY MIGHT BE! AND ONCE... JUST ONCE... SUCH A SITUATION RESULTED IN A...

HOPPY ENDING

LITTLE LARRY'S FRIENDS WERE THE FROGS IN A BACKWATER SWAMP...

LARRY WAS PERFECTLY HAPPY WHEN WITH HIS FROGS. BUT HE COULD NEVER STAY WITH THEM FOR VERY LONG...



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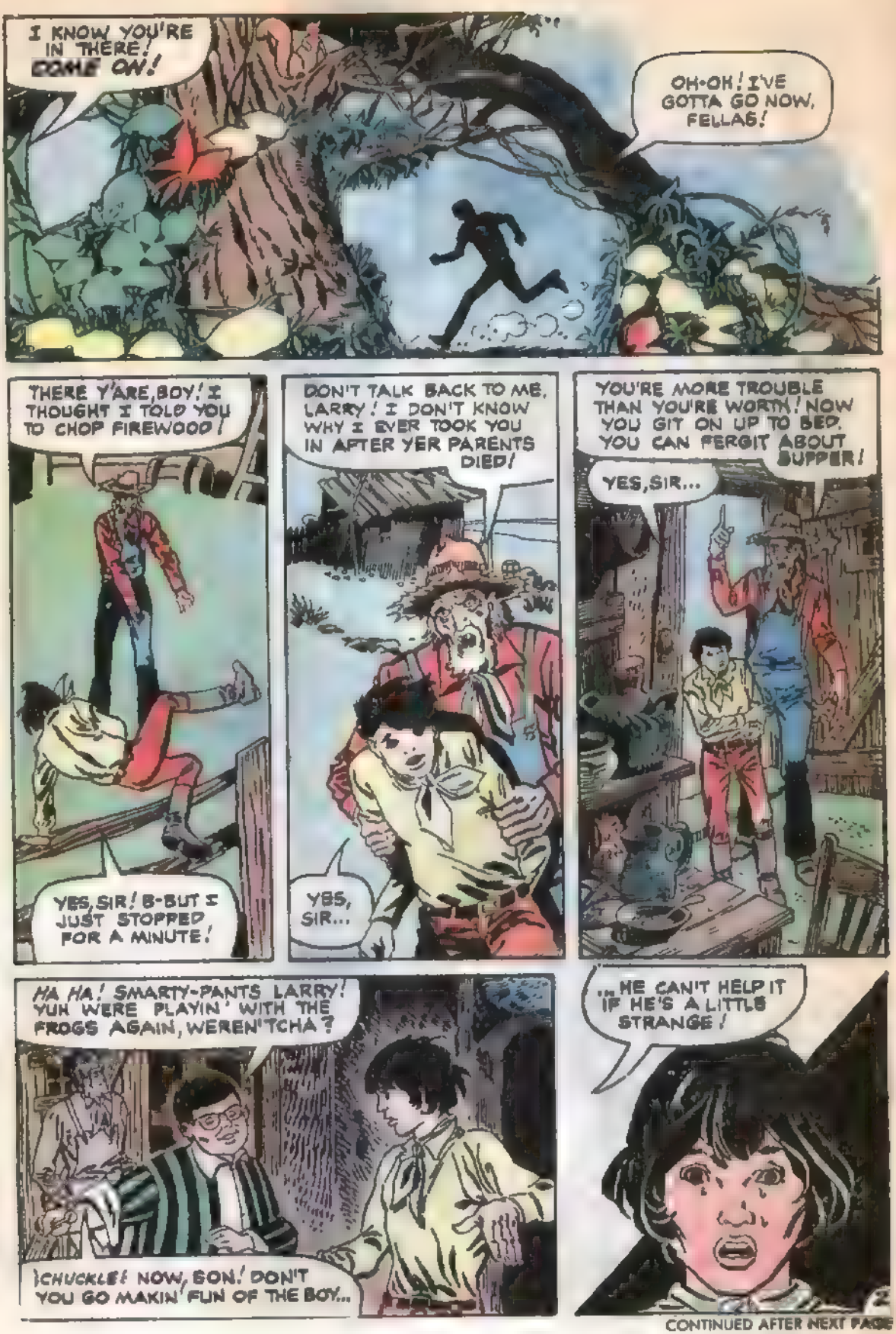
I KNOW YOU'RE IN THERE! COME ON!
OH-OH! I'VE GOTTA GO NOW, FELLAS!
THERE Y'ARE, BOY! I THOUGHT I TOLD YOU TO CHOP FIREWOOD!
YES, SIR! B-BUT I JUST STOPPED FOR A MINUTE!
DON'T TALK BACK TO ME, LARRY! I DON'T KNOW WHY I EVER TOOK YOU IN AFTER YER PARENTS DIED!
YES, SIR...
YOU'RE MORE TROUBLE THAN YOU'RE WORTH! NOW YOU GIT ON UP TO BED. YOU CAN FERGIT ABOUT SUPPER!
YES, SIR...
HA HA! SMARTY-PANTS LARRY! YUH WERE PLAYIN' WITH THE FROGS AGAIN, WEREN'TCHA?
CHUCKLE! NOW, SON! DON'T YOU GO MAKIN' FUN OF THE BOY...
...HE CAN'T HELP IT IF HE'S A LITTLE STRANGE!

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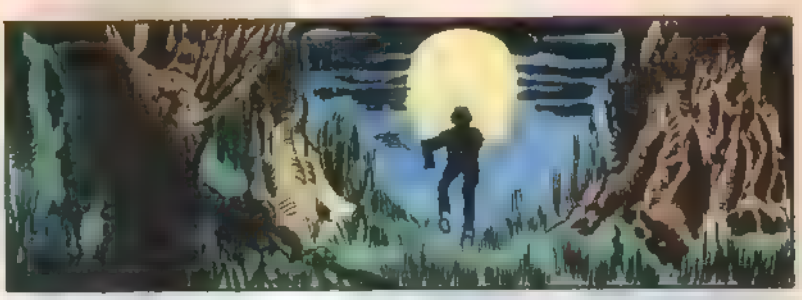

IN HIS YOUNG MIND, EACH FROG HAD A NAME AND A PERSONALITY

SOMETIMES THEY EVEN SEEMED TO TALK TO HIM...

...AND HE ALWAYS TALKED TO THEM...

SOMETIMES LARRY WAS LUCKY ENOUGH TO GET AN HOUR OR TWO OF SLEEP BEFORE...
LARRY! GET YER LAZY SELF OUTTA BED! IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO START YOUR CHORES!
LARRY WOULD PROBABLY CONTINUE WITH THIS MISERABLE LIFE INDEFINITELY, IF IT HADN'T BEEN FOR HIS HALF BROTHER BOBBY. ONE DAY...
HA HA! YER CLUMSY, LARRY!
CUT IT OUT, BOBBY!
AW...WHAT'RE YUH GONNA DO ABOUT IT, SISSY? GO PLAY WITH YOUR FROGS!
I GOT ME ONE RIGHT HERE TO PLAY WITH!
HERE'S WHAT I THINK OF YER FROGS! HAHAHA!
STOP IT, BOBBY, DON'T.
Y-YOU KILLED STUART!
WHAT'SAMATTER? FROGS DON'T HAVE FEELINGS!
YOU TAKE THAT BACK!
OWW! MA! PA! LARRY HIT ME!

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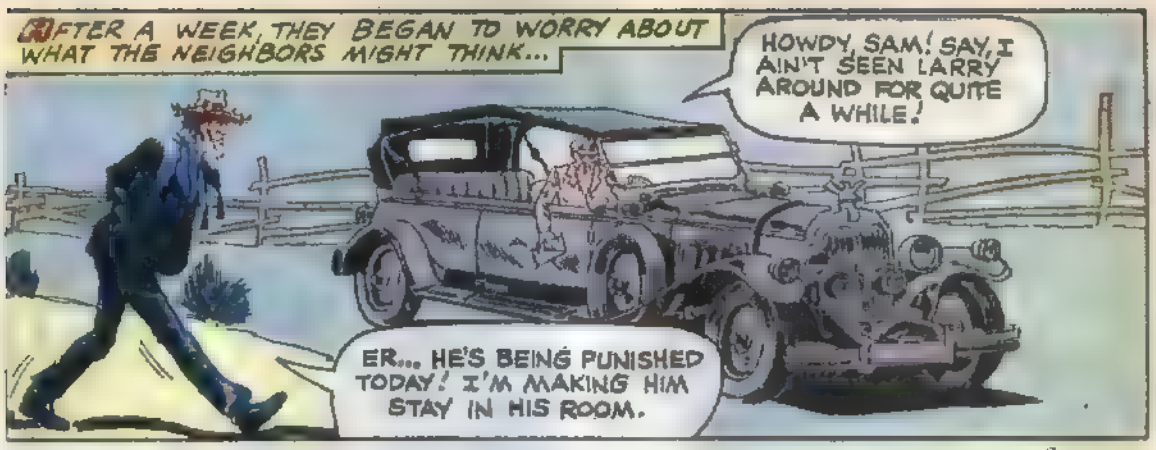
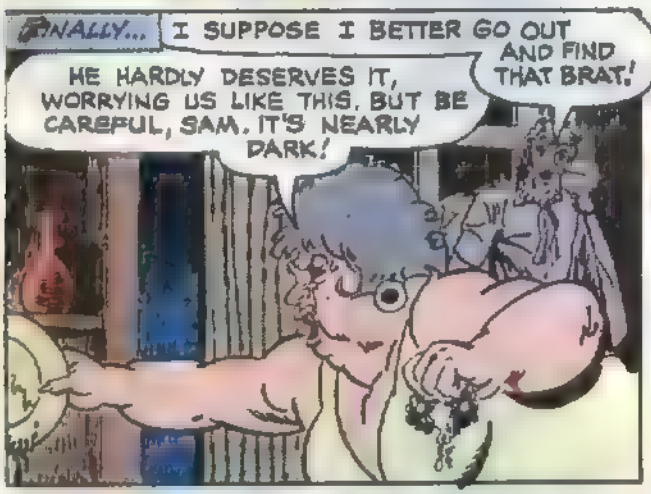
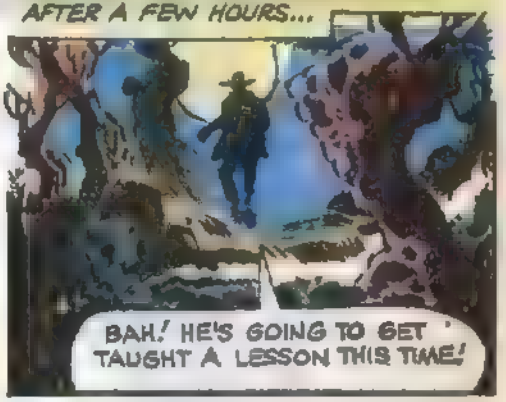
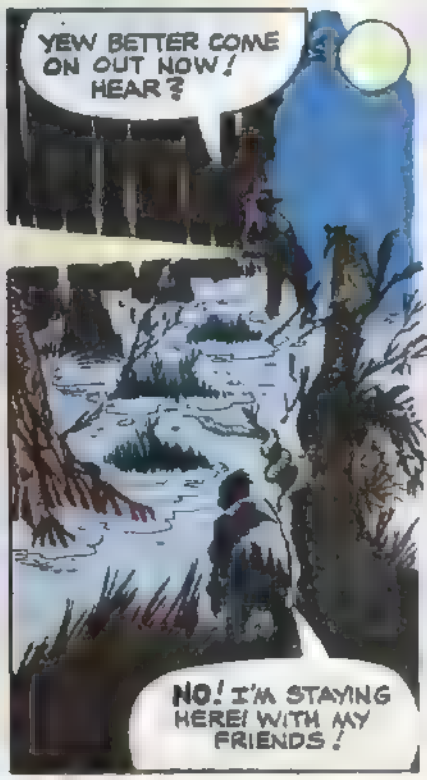
WHAT'S THIS? I DON'T KNOW WHAT GETS INTO YUH, BOY, BUT I KNOW A WAY T'GET IT OUT!
BUT... BUT...
WHAP WHAP WHAP
THIS HURTS ME MORE THAN IT DOES YOU, BOY!
HEY! GIT Y'SELF BACK HERE! LARRY!
NO! I NEVER WANT TO SEE ANY OF YOU AGAIN!
PA! WHAT HAPPENED?
LAND SAKES! WELL, JUS' WAIT! HE'LL COME BACK WHEN HE GETS GOOD N' HUNGRY!
THAT FOOL BRAT RAN OFF INTO THE SWAMP!
AT FIRST LARRY'S STEPPARENTS WEREN'T OVERLY CONCERNED...
...BUT AFTER A FEW DAYS, DOING THE CHORES THEMSELVES GOT TIRESOME!


AFTER A WEEK, THEY BEGAN TO WORRY ABOUT WHAT THE NEIGHBORS MIGHT THINK...
HOWDY, SAM! SAY, I AIN'T SEEN LARRY AROUND FOR QUITE A WHILE!
ER... HE'S BEING PUNISHED TODAY! I'M MAKING HIM STAY IN HIS ROOM.


FINALLY... I SUPPOSE I BETTER GO OUT AND FIND THAT BRAT!
HE HARDLY DESERVES IT, WORRYING US LIKE THIS. BUT BE CAREFUL, SAM. IT'S NEARLY DARK!

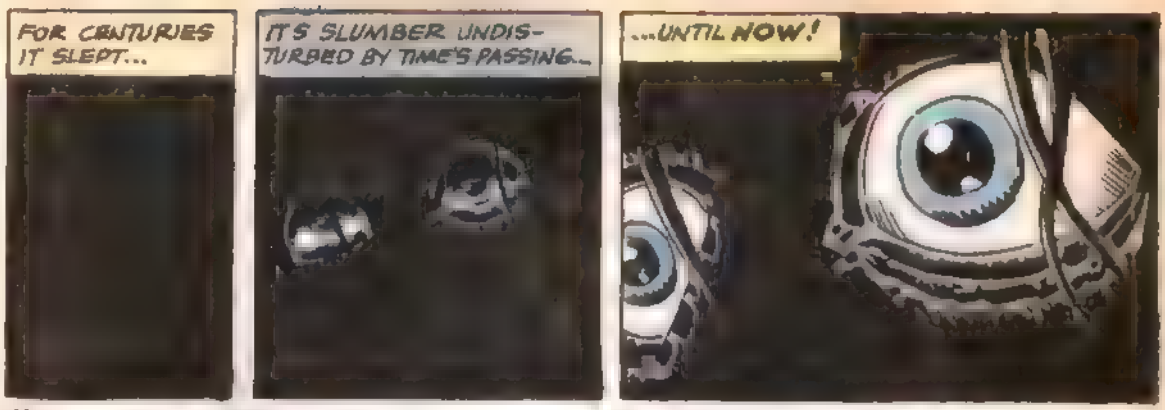

LARRY'S STEPFATHER DIDN'T LIKE SPENDING HIS TIME IN THE SWAMP, BUT HE WAS TOO ANGRY TO STOP. AFTER A FEW HOURS...
BAH! HE'S GOING TO GET TAUGHT A LESSON THIS TIME!

LARRY? THAT YOU, BOY?
SPLASH!


YEW BETTER COME ON OUT NOW! HEAR?
NO! I'M STAYING HERE! WITH MY FRIENDS!

YUH CAN'T LIVE WITH FROGS! YOU'RE COMING HOME IF I HAVE TO DRAG YUH!

HA! GOTCHA NOW, YOU LITTLE BRAT!
NOW YOU'RE... WHA! GASP!
I CAN'T LEAVE NOW!
IT AIN'T TRUE!
SAM NEVER TOLD ANYONE JUST WHY HE RAN SCREAMING FROM THE SWAMP THAT NIGHT...
BUT NO ONE EVER FOUND LITTLE LARRY AGAIN. NO ONE EVER TOOK HIM AWAY FROM HIS FRIENDS!



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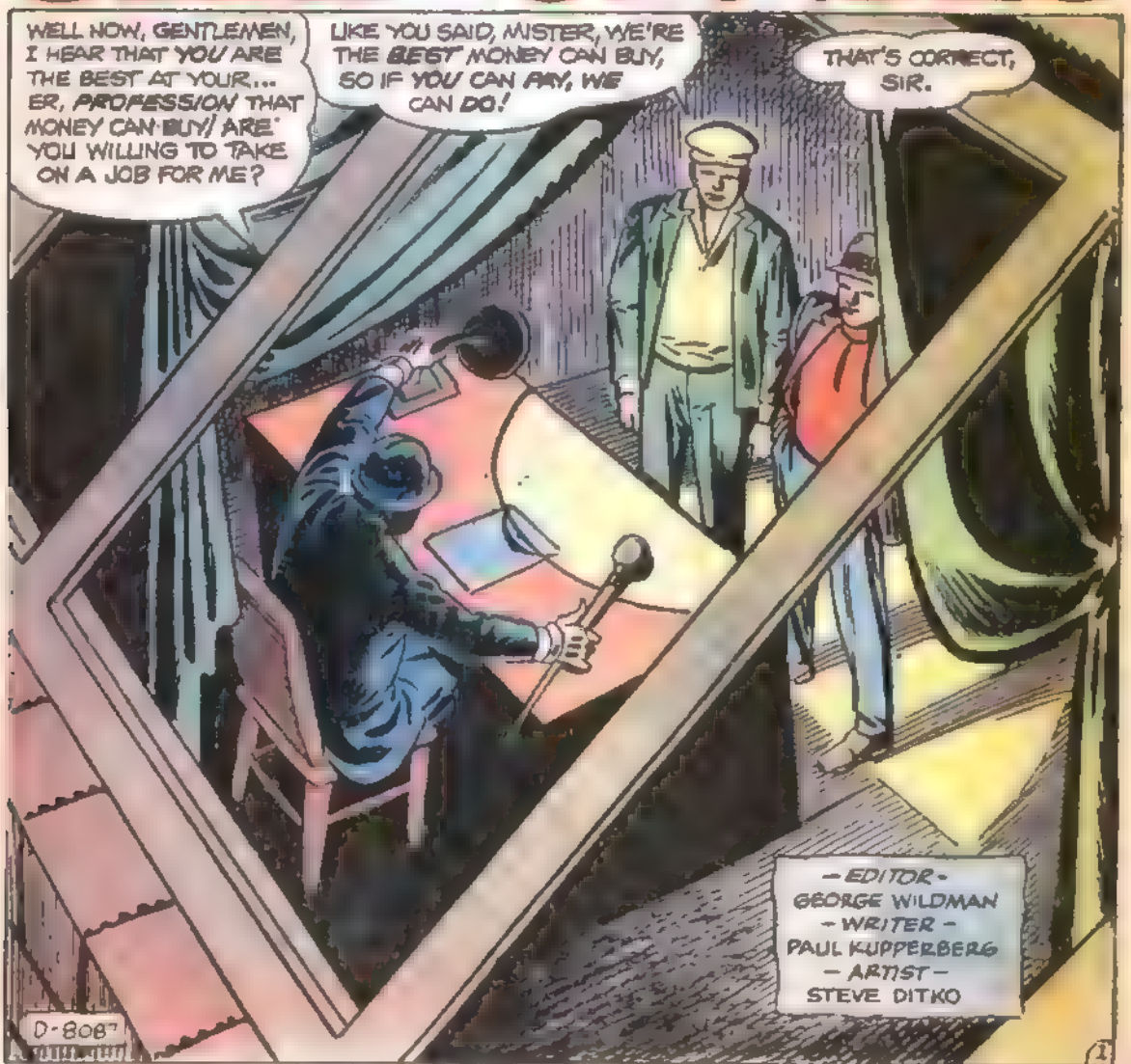
WELL NOW, GENTLEMEN, I HEAR THAT *YOU* ARE THE BEST AT YOUR... ER, *PROFESSION* THAT MONEY CAN BUY! ARE YOU WILLING TO TAKE ON A JOB FOR ME?
LIKE YOU SAID, MISTER, WE'RE THE *BEST* MONEY CAN BUY, SO IF *YOU* CAN *PAY*, *WE* CAN *DO*!
THAT'S CORRECT, SIR.
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DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT, MAN. WE DON'T GET CAUGHT, DIG? BUT IF YOU WANT TO PLAY LIKE SPIES, THAT'S COOL BY ME!
WHAT STEVEN MEANS IS, WE'LL PLAY BY YOUR RULES...PROVIDING, OF COURSE, THE PAY IS GOOD!
OH, THE MONEY IS...
...QUITE GOOD! $20,000, IN FACT!
20 G'S! WHAT DO WE HAVE TO DO...KNOCK OFF FORT KNOX FOR YOU?
IT'S MUCH SIMPLER THAN THAT, MR. GILARY. I MERELY WANT A CERTAIN ITEM FROM THE NATIONAL MUSEUM. A MEDALLION, IN FACT, WHICH WENT ON DISPLAY JUST TODAY.
I TAKE IT THIS MEDALLION IS RATHER VALUABLE IF YOU'RE WILLING TO PAY SUCH A PRICE FOR IT!
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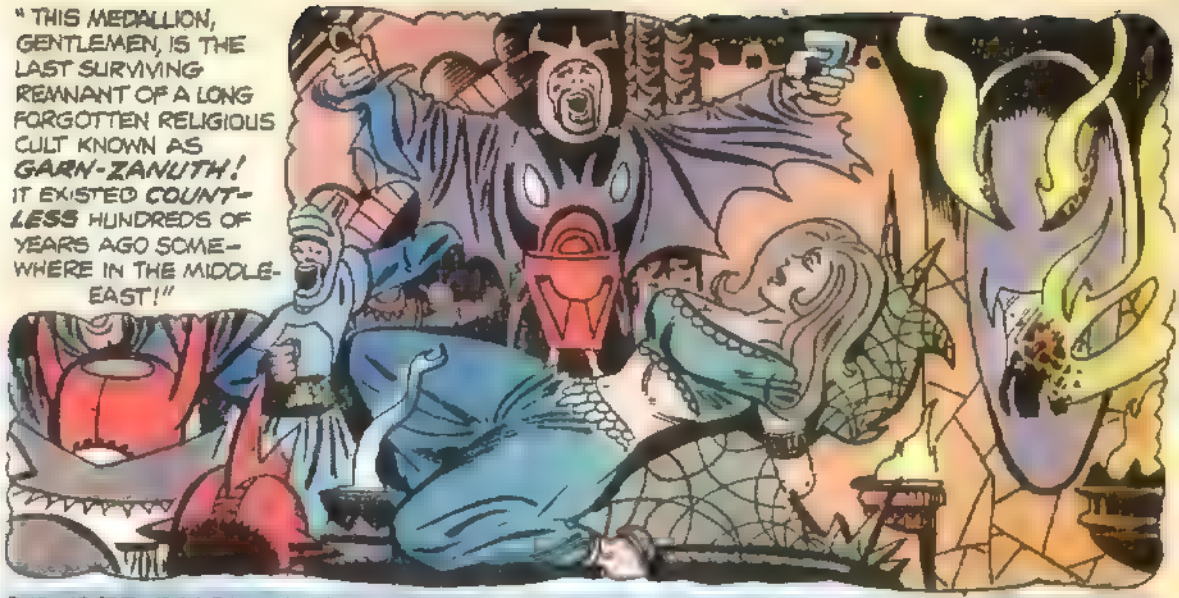
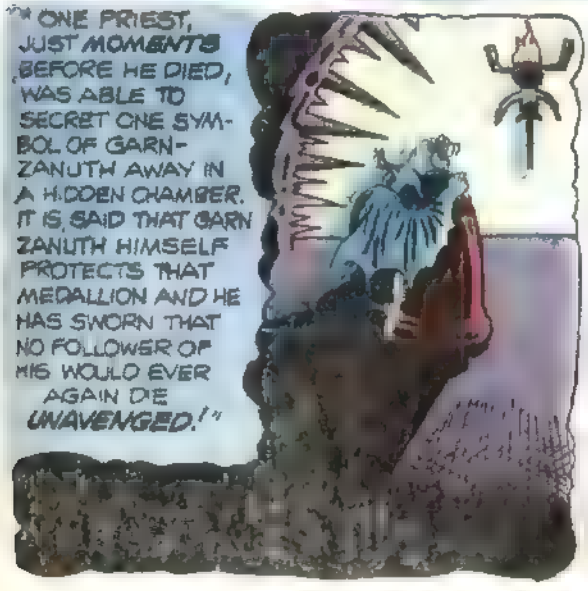
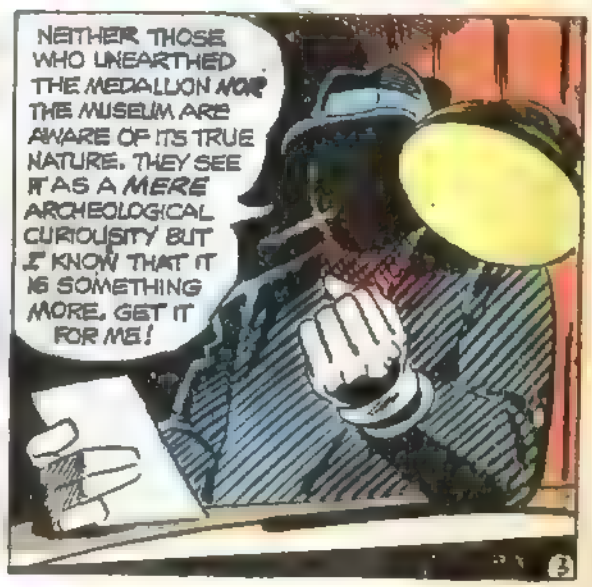

"THIS MEDALLION, GENTLEMEN, IS THE LAST SURVIVING REMNANT OF A LONG FORGOTTEN RELIGIOUS CULT KNOWN AS GARN-ZANUTH! IT EXISTED COUNTLESS HUNDREDS OF YEARS AGO SOMEWHERE IN THE MIDDLE-EAST!"

"HOWEVER, THE POWERS THAT BE OF THAT AGE TOOK OFFENSE AT GARN-ZANUTH'S FOLLOWERS AND DECIDED THE EASIEST SOLUTION WAS TO TOTALLY ANNIHILATE ALL THE CULT MEMBERS!"


"ONE PRIEST, JUST MOMENTS BEFORE HE DIED, WAS ABLE TO SECRET ONE SYMBOL OF GARN-ZANUTH AWAY IN A HIDDEN CHAMBER. IT IS SAID THAT GARN ZANUTH HIMSELF PROTECTS THAT MEDALLION AND HE HAS SWORN THAT NO FOLLOWER OF HIS WOULD EVER AGAIN DIE UNAVENGED!"


NEITHER THOSE WHO UNEARTHED THE MEDALLION NOR THE MUSEUM ARE AWARE OF ITS TRUE NATURE. THEY SEE IT AS A MERE ARCHEOLOGICAL CURIOUSITY BUT I KNOW THAT IT IS SOMETHING MORE. GET IT FOR ME!

IT STIRRED FROM ITS AGES LONG SLEEP, AWARE BUT NOT KNOWING IT WAS TIME...
NIGHT BEGINS TO FALL OVER THE CITY AND WORKERS RUSH HOME TO THEIR EVENING PAPERS AND MEALS, BUT FOR THESE TWO MEN, WORK HAS YET TO BEGIN.
WELL, WHAT DO YOU THINK?
HMM. IT SHOULD BE SIMPLE ENOUGH. THE ALARM SYSTEMS ARE RELATIVELY EASY TO HANDLE AND THERE AREN'T MANY GUARDS, BUT...
...LET'S CHECK OUT INSIDE ANYWAY. I'D HATE MYSELF IN THE MORNING IF THEY'VE ADDED ANY NEW SURPRISES WE WEREN'T AWARE OF!
IT LOOKS OKAY, BERNIE. THIS JOB OUGHTA BE A PIECE OF CANDY!
I DO BELIEVE YOU'RE CORRECT, STEVEN.
AND SO IT CAME FROM ITS PLACE OF REST TO DO WHAT IT MUST!
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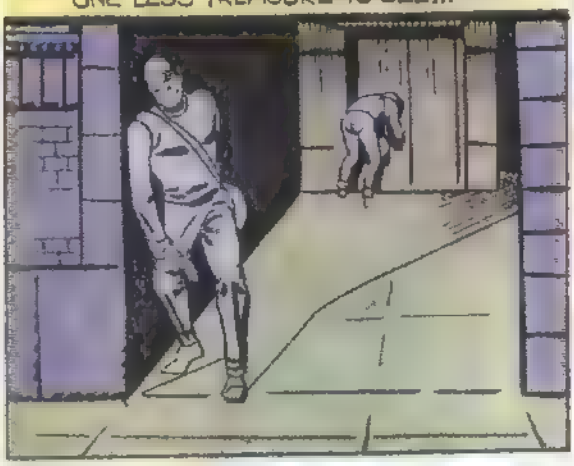
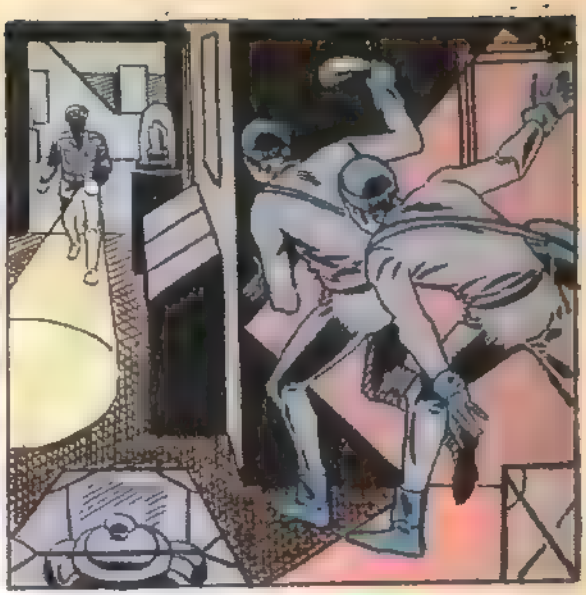
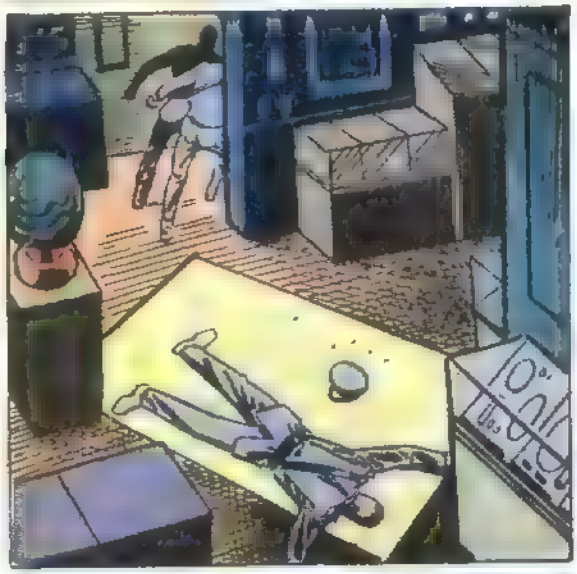
THE LAST SIGHTSEER HAS LONG LEFT THE LARGE BRICK BUILDING THAT HOUSES NUMEROUS ART TREASURES...AND BEFORE THE NIGHT WAS OVER THERE WOULD BE, PERHAPS, ONE LESS TREASURE TO SEE...



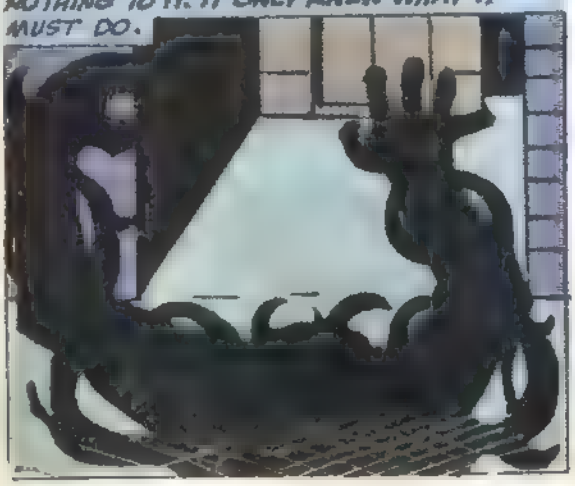




SO FAR, SO GOOD, BERNIE!

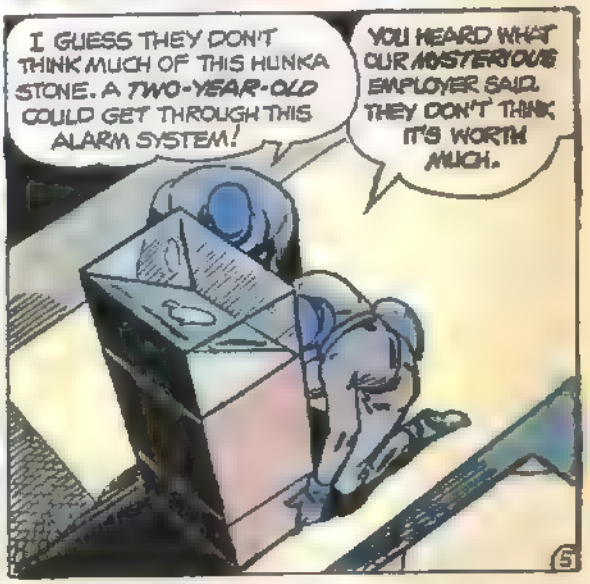
INDEED. BUT LET'S NOT PRESS OUR LUCK. THE *LESS* TIME WE SPEND HERE THE LESS CHANCE WE HAVE OF *DETECTION*.

IT PAID NO HEED TO THE STRANGENESS IT DISCOVERED ITSELF IN. THE ODD MOVING VEHICLES AND TOWERING EDIFICES MEANT NOTHING TO IT. IT ONLY KNEW WHAT IT MUST DO.



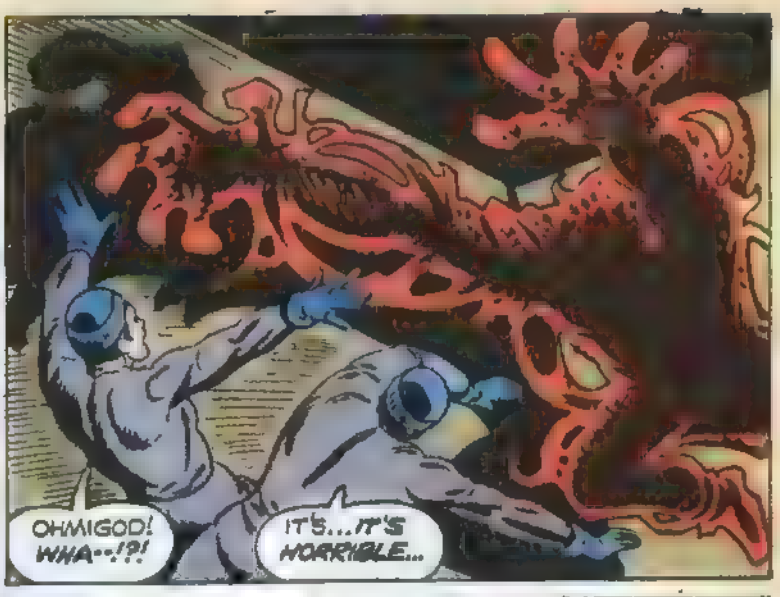
I GUESS THEY DON'T THINK MUCH OF THIS HUNKA STONE. A *TWO-YEAR-OLD* COULD GET THROUGH THIS ALARM SYSTEM!

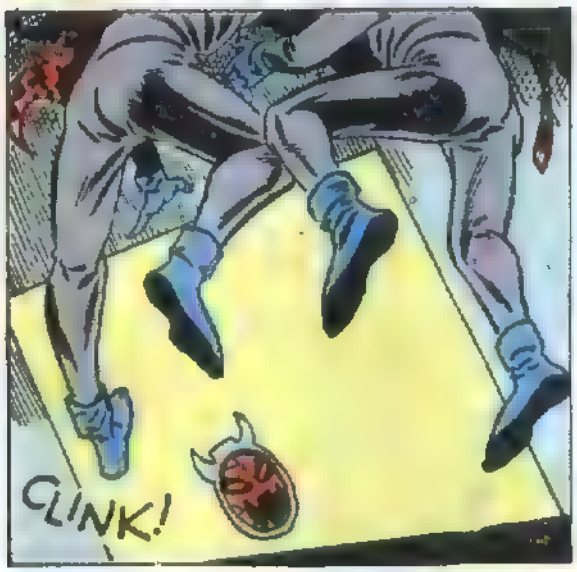
YOU HEARD WHAT OUR *MYSTERIOUS* EMPLOYER SAID. THEY DON'T THINK IT'S WORTH MUCH.



YEAH, WELL, I DO! TWENTY GRAND'S WORTH! HA-HA!
THOSE IT SOUGHT WERE HERE. AND IT WAS BUT A MATTER OF MOMENTS...
Y' KNOW, THAT STORY THE GUY TOLD US WAS AWFULLY STRANGE. DO YOU SUPPOSE IT'S...
RIDICULOUS, STEVEN, THAT'S WHAT IT IS. THERE ARE NO SUCH THINGS AS ANCIENT GODS WHO RISE FROM THEIR GRAVES TO PROTECT THEIR FOLLOWERS.
SCREEECHH!
AT ANY RATE, WE NOW...
HUH? WHAT WAS THAT?
KRE-AK!
THE TWO THIEVES WHIRL AT THE NOISE, AND WITHOUT A MOMENTS HESITATION, STRIKE!
MR. PAR... UGH!
OH GREAT! JEEZ, BERNIE, YOU JUST BIT THE HAND THAT FEEDS US BUT GOOD!
THE IDIOT MUST HAVE BEEN SO ANXIOUS TO GET HIS HANDS ON THE MEDALLION THAT HE COULDN'T WAIT FOR US TO BRING IT TO HIM!
AH! JUST AS I SUSPECTED! HE BROUGHT THE MONEY WITH HIM!

THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO FOR HIM NOW SO WE'D BETTER JUST PACK UP AND LEAVE.
YEAH, I GUESS SO...HEY! IT'S GOTTEN AWFULLY DARK IN HERE SUDDENLY!


OHMIGOD! WHA--!?!
IT'S...IT'S HORRIBLE...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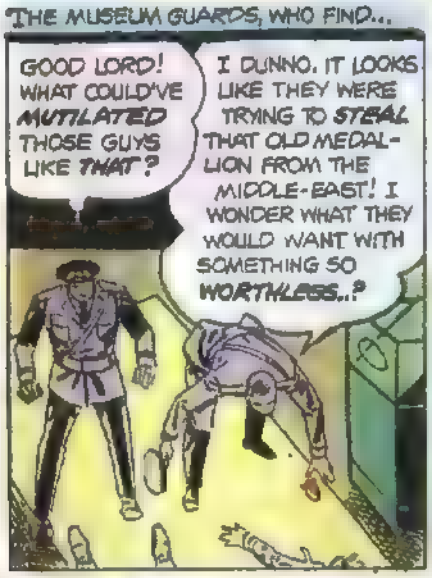
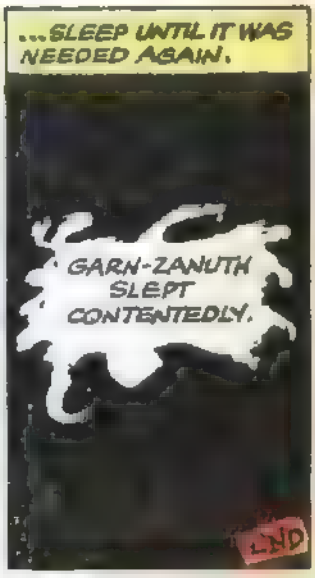
AAAIIIIIIEEEEEEE!!
THEIR SCREAMS ECHO THROUGH DARK CORRIDORS AND REVERBERATE THROUGHOUT THE EMPTY BUILDING, BRINGING...


THE MUSEUM GUARDS, WHO FIND...
GOOD LORD! WHAT COULD'VE MUTILATED THOSE GUYS LIKE THAT?
I DUNNO. IT LOOKS LIKE THEY WERE TRYING TO STEAL THAT OLD MEDALLION FROM THE MIDDLE-EAST! I WONDER WHAT THEY WOULD WANT WITH SOMETHING SO WORTHLESS..?

IT SHAMBLED BACK TO ITS PLACE OF RESTING, ITS DEED DONE. AND NOW IT WOULD SLEEP ONCE MORE...


...SLEEP UNTIL IT WAS NEEDED AGAIN.
GARN-ZANUTH SLEPT CONTENTEDLY.
END

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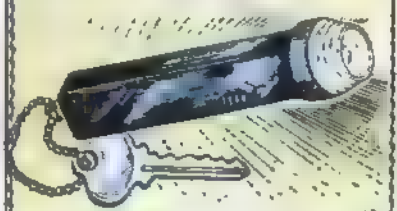

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the THING IN THE PIT

The thing in the pit moaned! It groaned! Low, chilling, guttural sounds echoed out of the pit where it was doomed to remain for all of eternity.

Its solitary eye scanned the shadows. Its claws raked the scaly sores that covered its hairy hide. The razor-like digits tore open the blotches of blistery skin that covered its back.

Its existence was a curse! Being immortal was a hellish punishment. The creature couldn't even look forward to death. Death was not within its reach. Eternal peace eluded its grasp.

The fiendish pet of the Prince of Darkness was destined to endure for all time. That was the price that it had to pay for being the Devil's beast of burden.

Before time began, before man was created, before all that is came to be, the thing in the pit had walked at Satan's side. During the war between Good and Evil, it had carried Lucifer upon its back like a fearless, ferocious, fiery steed. The creature had fought with Satan and the hordes of hell in the battle against goodness, righteousness and all that is holy.

Demons, devils and the worshipers of Wrong seemed destined to best the army of the Almighty.

Heads rolled. Angels plummeted from the heavens like falling stars torn from their place in the sky. Devils died. Demons dropped, mortally wounded. The Galaxy ran red with blood.

All of the cosmos was in disorder. Throughout the universe there was mayhem. The outcome of destiny and all eternity hung in the balance.

Satan saw that victory was within his grasp. Evil was defeating Good. The complete and total triumph of Evil seemed inevitable.

Lucifer urged his winged steed up into the sky above the battlefield. As they circled above the brutal battle, Satan waved his sword above his head in a salute to his fierce warriors.

It was then that the arrow of Righteousness was fitted into the bow of Omnipotence. The shaft was raised until its tip was in line with the torso of the General of the Greedy and the Grotesque.

Then, from the bow the arrow flew! Swiftly, it sped upon the path of justice. Its mark was met. Steed and rider fell. All was lost! Evil was routed!

When the Prince of Evil fell, his legions fell with him. The demons followed their defeated leader into the burning, flaming halls of hell!

The thing in the pit did not escape the wrath of the avenging angels! The victorious riders of the stars had chained it in the dark pit, in the cave of blackness that was carved in the bowels of the earth. For its treachery, the beast paid an awesome price!

Every day, every hour, every second were the same to it. Passing eons were not even grains of sand in the hourglass of infinity. The grains fell so softly and slowly that they never seemed to fall at all. Time was frozen. Eternity was at a standstill!

As it guarded the gates of hell, as it watched over the entrance into the blazing inferno, as it stood fast at the door to Satan's dark domain, a single thought buzzed around and around its minute brain.

Revenge! Revenge was all that the beast ever thought about! Its only joy came from tormenting others. The only happiness it ever felt was when it made others suffer. When it maimed, clawed and tortured others, its own anguish was diminished.

Who did the beast in the pit attack? Who suffered from the vicious assaults of the creepy creature?

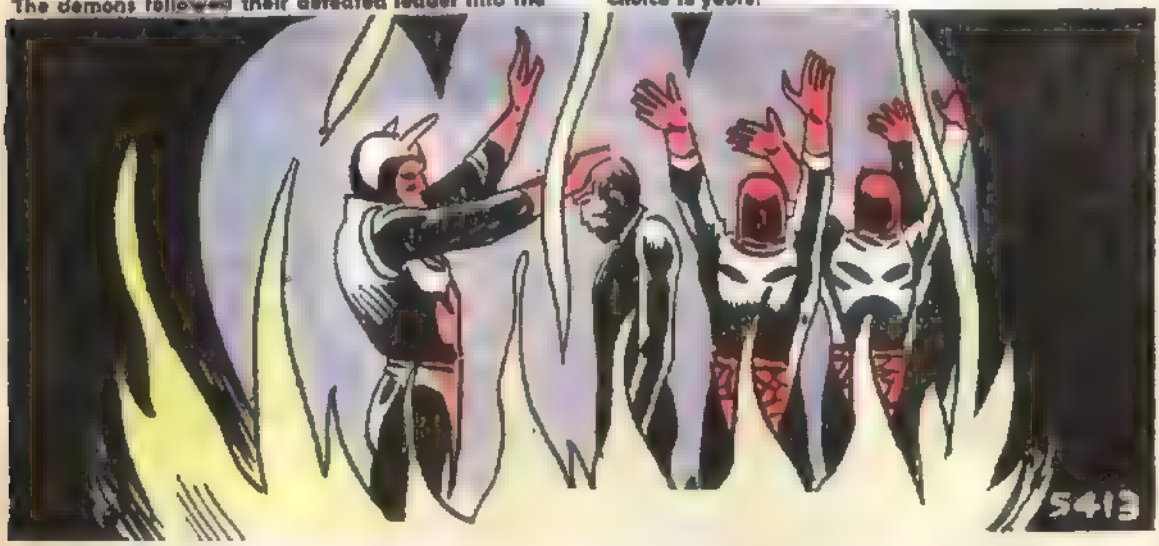
Men were the prey of the thing in the pit! Men were the meat of the Devil's dog! Souls condemned to the realm of Lucifer were the monster's victims!

Even before the eternal sentence of pain, punishment and torment began, those who followed the teachings of evil realized the folly of their ways.

Into the pit, the condemned were pushed! Into the hole of hell, they were tossed! As they scrambled through the darkness into the land of eternal shadows, the claws and jaws of the thing in the pit found them! As they dashed toward the domain of the Devil, the monster made them realize that damnation was not a painless process.

The beast's claws slashed at them as he knocked them into the blazing flames that would sear their evil souls. His fangs sank into their corrupt souls as they tumbled into the fiery furnaces that would roast them for all eternity! As their cries of anguish echoed to the high heavens, he felt pleasure.

The guard at the gates of hell is waiting. The thing in the pit is moaning, groaning and waiting. He's waiting for you! Will you ever meet him? Mortal, the choice is yours!



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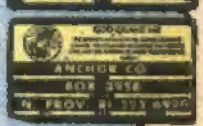

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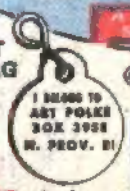

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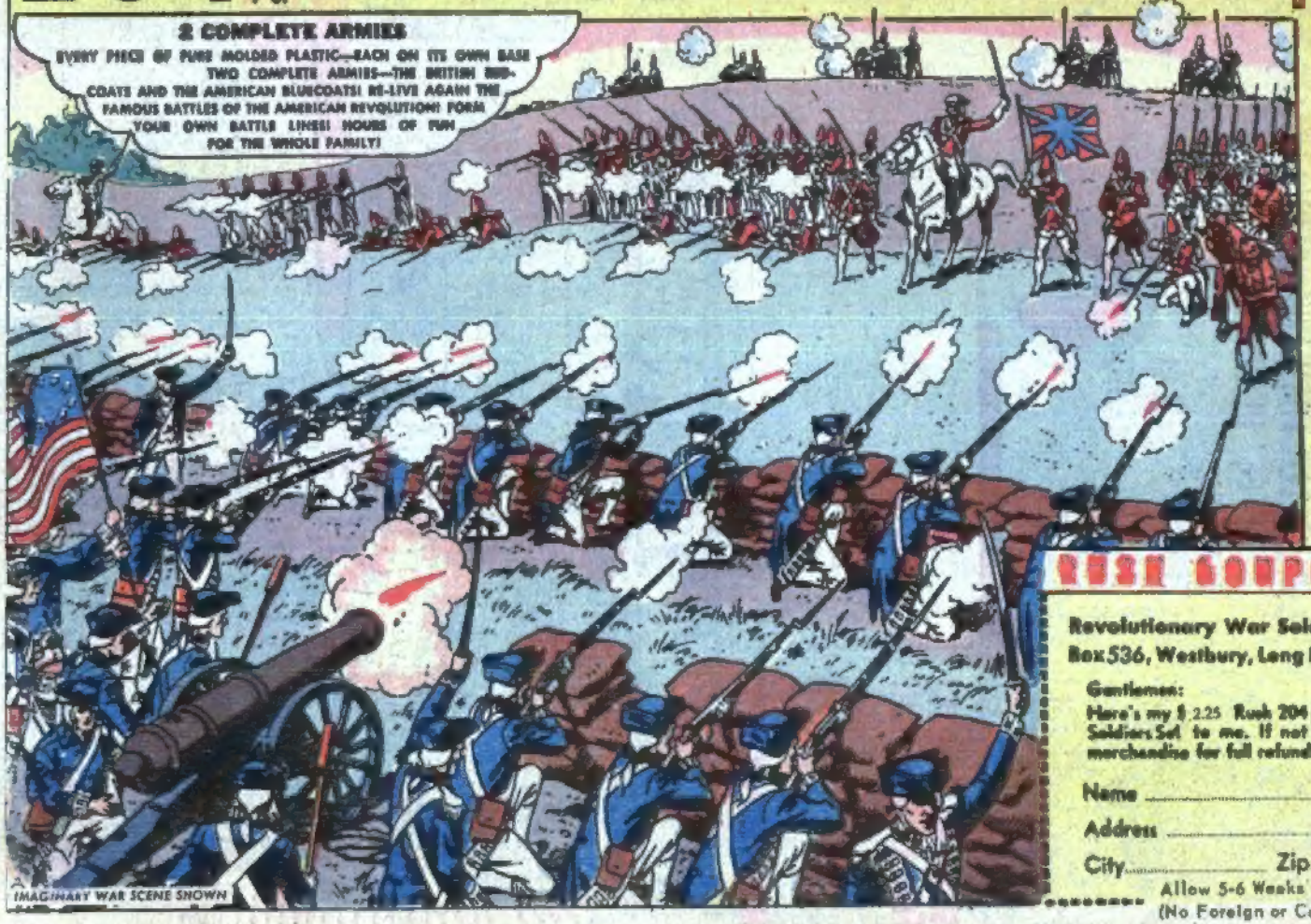

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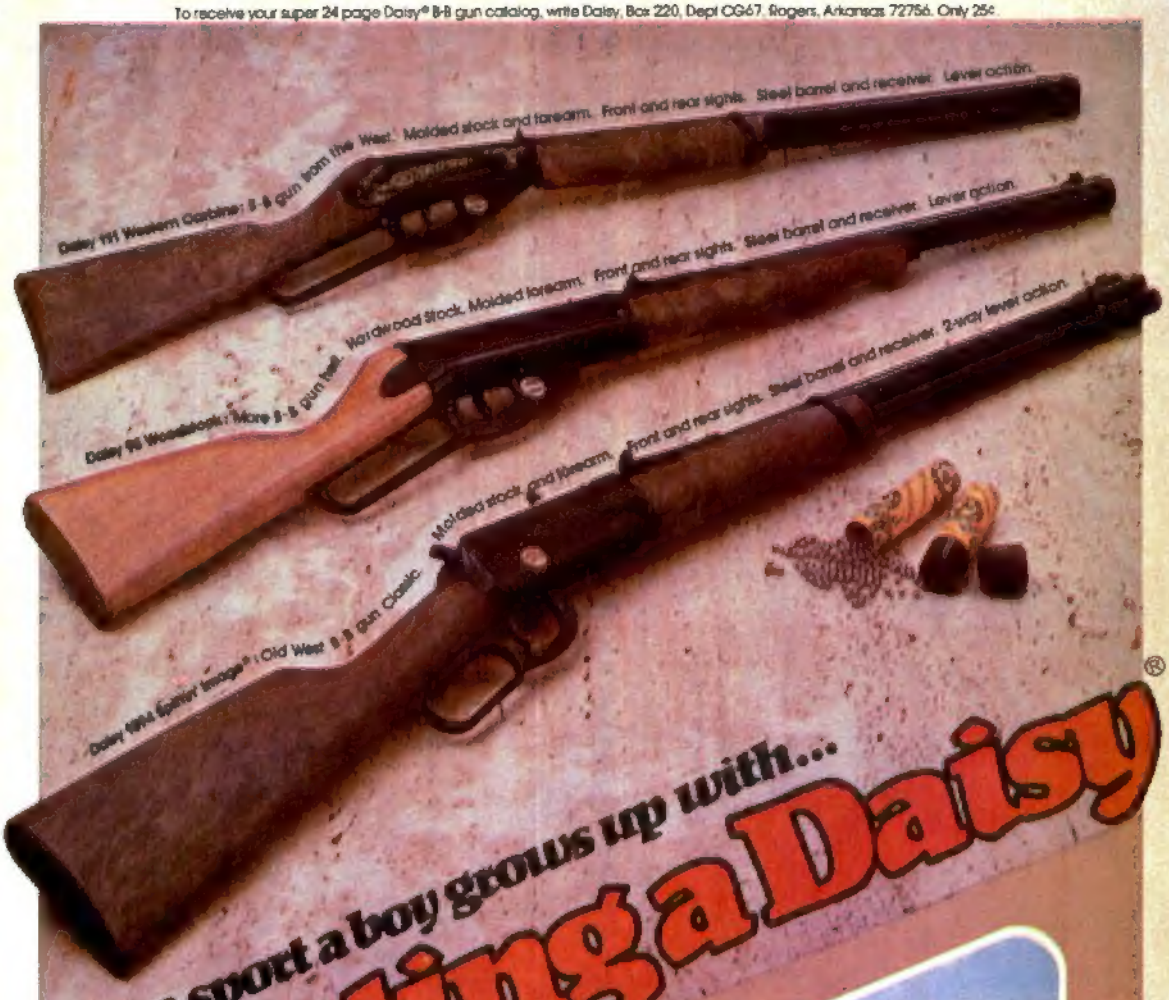
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